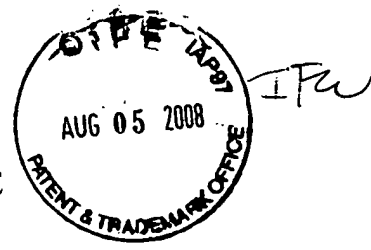


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on April 25, 2005 and December 2, 2004, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Chinese Office Action dated June 27, 2008, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 03807282.3, in which the following document was cited:

- (1) Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1179249 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family members International Patent Publication No. WO 96/22643 A1; U.S. Patent No. 5,995,533 and U.S. Patent No. 5,604,806.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents, are attached hereto, and

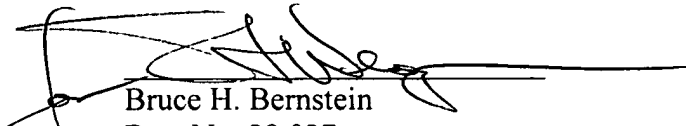
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are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the Chinese Office Action and an English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

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